

GRAND RAPIDS, JUNE 30, 1896.

## MICHIGAN MATTERS

The Masonic court band has been organized.

The State Fish Commissioner sent 10,000 fish to Jackson on Thursday.

The Grand Army post at Manton will spend the Fourth at Traverse City.

The Northern Cement Company at Jackson has closed its shops for two weeks.

The Petoskey Dispatch objects to having its town called "Petoskey" by one of the Manton editors.

The Lansing W. C. T. U. provides the citizens of that place with ice water placed in a convenient spot.

The Chicago Lumbering Company has 200 houses completed, or in process of building this year at Manistowic.

The P. & M. boats are said to be getting a large amount of freight from the West but not much from the East.

It is stated that 50,000 pounds of wool were brought into the Lansing market on Thursday and 20,000 pounds on Friday.

Big Rapids brick will be used in the Court House in that city, except those for facing, which will be brought from Ionia.

The St. Clair county Pioneers hold a reunion in the shape of a basket picnic, in Pine Grove Park, Port Huron, to-day (Thursday).

On Friday afternoon lightning struck James Lindley's barn at Smith Creek, St. Clair county, and paralyzed a valuable young horse.

Rev. Andrew Jamison, of Algonac, who for forty years past has been the faithful missionary to the Indians on Walpole Island, died recently.

Mrs. F. C. Spalding, at the factory of C. Colby & Co., at Benton Harbor, enjoys the reputation of making 6,500 berry boxes in one day last week.

The Evangelical Association of Reed City will dedicate their new brick church, next Sunday, July 6th. Bishop R. Dubs of Cleveland, Ohio, will deliver the address.

Gov. Dr. Hough, whose resignation has been accepted by the Congregational Church of Jackson, will leave his ministerial labors in that city the second Sunday in July.

One can now leave Traverse City at 3:40 p. m. and take breakfast the next morning in Chicago, or he can leave Chicago late in the evening and dine in Traverse City next day.

It is reported that a new firm in Shelby will manufacture refrigerators and ice boxes, since the Common Council of that place passed the ordinance closing the markets on Sundays.

Two men, James Skinner, aged 40 and single, and Thomas Lancaster, who leaves a wife and three children were drowned on Sunday, the former in Detroit river, the latter in the River Rouge.

A lodge of the Order of Railway Conductors was organized in Jackson last Thursday. Its aims are said to be for mutual benefit and protection, similar to the Brotherhood of Engineers.

The Board of Supervisors of Charlevoix county has passed a resolution to submit the question of removing the county seat from East Jordan to Boyne City, to be voted upon in April next.

The rumor is again afloat that the F. & P. M. R. R. Company has contracted for the building of another first-class steamer to be used in connection with their freight and passenger business.

A little son of J. Smith, of Hamilton, Algonac county, was drowned on Saturday while bathing with several boys. A little Indian, the only one who could swim, dived but could not pull him out.

The members of Co. H, of Lansing, 45 in number, will attend the Fourth of July celebration at Adrian and participate in the sham battle arranged for that occasion. They will not return before Monday.

Lansing citizens have been viewing the moon through a telescope. The exhibitor was Arthur K. Bartlett, of Battle Creek, who is said to have gained a wonderful knowledge of astronomy without the aid of a college.

Gov. and Mrs. Alger, and Col. Aaron T. Bliss, of East Saginaw, allies-in-law; Lieut. Col. George H. Devin, of Jackson, Assistant Adjutant General, and Maj. A. E. Parsons, Judge Advocate, reached Detroit on Sunday from Portland, Me.

A whitehead man writes to the Northwestern Lumberman that a one-mile circular mill owned by Staples & Correll cut, June 23, in ten hours, 84,098 feet of lumber, board measure, consisting of boards and strips, pine stuff and mill ends, and asks who can beat it.

Conductor J. C. Secord, of Port Huron, who arrived home Saturday morning from Aspinwall, Panama, brought with him a small cannon used by Prætorian's revolutionary army to frighten the United States navy. The cannon is on exhibition at Mr. Secord's residence.

D. A. Hecoy & Co., at their Black River shingle mill, the Algonac Review says, will turn out upwards of twelve million shingles. This year's cut has been said to be the largest since the mill was built.

N. W. Mills, of Otsego, Mich., has bought the Brooks & Norton mill and timber lands, near Bloomingdale, Mich., and is putting down a tramway through the timber. The mill cuts hardwood and has a capacity of 25,000 feet a day. It will be run to its full capacity. N. W. Lumberman.

While Daniel Mall was cleaning an edge in his mill at Fruitport, yesterday morning, his sleeve caught in the machinery and threw him on the saw, cutting his head off. He lived only about thirty minutes. Mall was a married man, about thirty-five years old, and leaves a wife and two children.

During the temporary cessation of business at Free mill at Houghton, the Big Rapids Herald is informed, some workmen at the sawmill have some railroad spikes into some logs. The result was when the machinery started up Tuesday several saws were injured by coming in contact with the concealed spikes.

A Republican son of the Pitsburgh Rock variety, belonging to Mr. L. D. French of the dairy farm four miles West of Petoskey, beat the record last week by having an egg measuring eight and one-half inches by seven inches, and weighing five ounces. The half shell is now utilized in the editor's home for a shell cradle. Petoskey Record.

Mr. Clarence L. Swan, who has filled the position of state news editor of the Detroit Free Press, for nearly two years, has been made night editor of that journal, and Joseph Greville will be assistant editor in the day time. Mr. Swan remains editor-in-chief. F. H. Howland has been appointed city editor, as has been announced in The Telegram.

## INDIAN SUICIDES.

## Occasional Self-Slaughter Shows the Red Man's Progress.

An Aborigine Kills a Squaw and Shoots Himself—Four Savages Hang Themselves—A Squaw Shoots Herself Because of Her Lover's Desertion.

(Olive City Mont. Letter.)

The Indian is progressing. He is fast becoming civilized. An Indian shot and killed his squaw last week, and then blew his own brains out. He did it within two miles of Fort Assiniboia. The Indian was known as Bull.

It is remarkable what a fascination the name of Bull has for Indians. They use it with every qualification—Stinking, Wanting and Hating. The Indian Bulls are proportionately as numerous as the white Smiths. This particular Bull, who does not seem to have been provided with the usual descriptive adjective, but to have been plain Bull, was on his way to the fort, accompanied by his squaw. When near the fort he drove her into the brush and shot her dead. It is believed that the squaw had some money which she declined to turn over to the brave; hence the sudden and bloody act. After the murder Bull went toward the fort. At a hunter's camp near by he told an Indian boy what he had done. Afterward he started back toward the place where the body of the murdered squaw lay. A white scout in the employ of the Government happened to be in the neighborhood looking for some stray horses. Bull, seeing him, supposed he was coming to arrest him. He sat down, put the muzzle of his gun to his forehead, and blew his brains out.

Suicide is rare among the red men, but I have known several instances within the past eight or nine years. A young squaw shot herself in the heart in 1877 when she was held, with her mother and other squaws, in temporary captivity at Fort Keogh as a hostage for the performance of certain agreements by White Bull's band of Cheyennes, to which she belonged. She was one of the captives taken on the eve of the fight at White Mountain, Wyoming. A chief was deeply enamored of her, and the first of the band of Cheyennes to surrender were due, in some measure, to this tender sentiment, and not wholly to the Indian reverses at White Mountain. After the Tongue River expedition had returned to Fort Keogh and the captives were safely lodged under guard, truce bearers were sent in by the tribe to negotiate for the return of the captives. Negotiations were opened for the surrender of the Cheyennes. A large party, headed by White Bull, who was wrapped in an old calico American flag, was allowed to come into the camp to have a talk. They were also allowed to see and talk with the captives. After the first day's council it was seen that the Cheyennes were merely playing a diplomatic game. The Cheyennes were allowed to return to report to the rest of the tribe still in the field. Their requests that the squaws be allowed to accompany them were firmly refused. The warriors, who had feared a forcible detention, were much pleased when they were allowed to return to their tribe.

They were feeling good. They saddled their ponies and packed their mules. The captives were allowed to remain with their relatives during these preparations. The young squaw, with a face beaming with smiles, was saddling her pony, and the young buck, her fiancé, was not far away. She expected to go with the party, but she was detained, with the other captive squaws, as a hostage for the return of White Bull and his party in twenty days. A very distinguished young warrior, Buffalo Hump, also remained a voluntary hostage. The party moved out in the usual Indian fashion, and promised their speedy return with the rest of the tribe.

The young squaw, when she found she could not go with the band, was deeply grieved. She could not be made to believe that they would ever return again. The sight of her departing lover and her friends was more than she could bear. The Indian—male or female—is a creature of impulse. She drew a small pistol, which she had in some way secreted in her clothing, and shot herself through the heart. At the appointed time the Cheyennes returned and surrendered. Her lover came back with them, but he found his intended squaw dead and buried on the brink of the Yellowstone. For several days her mother and relatives gave expression to their grief in their usual savage way—crying and wailing and letting their blood stream upon her grave.

There were also four very determined suicides of Indians in 1890 and 1891. The suicides were Cheyennes of the North. They had wounded a cavalry Sergeant detached on signal duty between Deadwood and Fort Keogh and killed a rancher. They were captured by a detachment from Fort Keogh, turned over to the civil authorities here, and all four confined in the same cell. They considered themselves as badly as hung, and they decided to save the Government the trouble of stranging them. They could procure only one rope. The first hanged himself. The other three took him down, and the second took his turn at the rope. He made no botch of the job. Then he was taken down and the third hanged himself. The third was taken down by the fourth, and the last was found hanging and dead by the jailer next morning.

Some Little Washington Children.

(St. Louis Globe-Democrat.)

That the children of the ex-officials are sensible of the change in their estates was evinced the other day when the small sons of ex-Secretary Lincoln and ex-Farmington National Hall called on another from their homes with a mutual "Hello!" you old private citizen!" Another little member of one of the families of the last Cabinet came into his mother's bed the morning of the 28th of March, and in the most peremptory manner said: "Roll over there private citizen!" It was one of the same precocious children that walked up to Lieutenant Greely at one of his mother's receptions, all eyes him admiringly, said: "Did you say any of that Dutchman up there?" Poor Mr. Greely fairly gasped at the inquiry his face flushed, and he turned to his eyes as he said "Oh, no, my little man." The persistent child followed it up with: "Well, did you say that terrible infant's attention to some other topic. With the sweetest innocence in the world the child electrified the dinner company that evening by telling what Lieutenant Greely had said in answer to his queries, and his parents had odd chills creep over them at the naïve recital.

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A Senator Who Was Childlike and Blameless.

(Minnesota Tribune.)

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## ROSCOE CONKLING'S SISTER.

A Lady Who Had the Familiar Characteristics of the Family.

(Rochester N. Y. Cor. N. Y. Times.)

Miss Mary Conkling, the sister of Hon. Roscoe Conkling, whose death recently occurred at Rochester, possessed in a marked degree the characteristics of the Conkling family, which were so clearly defined by her father, Judge Conkling, and her illustrious brother, Roscoe. She was a brilliant conversationalist, but was a much better talker than listener, because she possessed remarkably fastidious tastes and would not allow herself to hear conversation upon topics that in any way conflicted with her elevated notion of propriety. Her language was always carefully chosen from the choicest words and her high moral sense cropped out in every discussion to which she was a party. More than one of her Rochester friends have, however, felt the keen edge of her sarcasm, which, like that of her brother Roscoe, was always dignified and couched in language that made it cut deeper the longer it was thought over. She was always remarkably cool and dispassionate, even when engaged in conversation with people who advanced opinions in opposition to hers. At such times she would descend from the lofty plain of her argument long enough to make a single remark, which, like a sugar-coated pill, seemed at first to be very harmless, but which, under analysis, was found to possess the very sharpest sarcasm. In her personal habits she to a remarkable extent exercised her fastidiousness and vanity.

An instance showing how particular she was occurred while she was at the City Hospital. She wore a wig and false teeth, and she would never consent, even when very ill and weak, to allow her physician to enter her room until she had adjusted these and she was presentable. During her last illness the same rigid rule held her to such an extent that she would not even allow her nurse to bathe her. When she was unable to leave her bed, she would have the preparations all made and then her nurse, while she, alone and unaided, performed such ablutions as her strength would permit. Although the wig she wore was so perfectly made that but few could detect it from her own hair, she had a new one made some time before her decease, and exacted a promise from her hair-dresser that she would see that the new wig was used when the undertaker placed her body in the casket. The most striking instance of her extreme sense of etiquette occurred but a few months before her death. At the house of her most intimate friend in the city she saw a book she wished to read and asked if she could take it to her room. Permission was given and the book was handed her to take away. For several weeks she did not call on her friend, who could not imagine what she had done to wound Miss Conkling's feelings. From a third lady she subsequently learned that Miss Conkling's reason for not calling was that the book was handed to her without an outer covering and that she supposed from that her presence was not wanted. The lady had no such idea, and was surprised to hear that Miss Conkling so considered it.

A COUNTRY GHOST.

Appearing in the Form of a Woman and Frightening Superstitious People.

(Shelburne N. Y. Special.)

One night last week Charles Gillett, of Barryville, N. Y., across the Delaware River from this village, rushed into Quick's store with a blanched face, and presenting other evidences of fright.

"I have seen a ghost!" he said. "I was coming down on the bridge side of the canal, and when I approached the upper lock bridge I saw a woman standing there, all in white. I thought it strange that she should be out dressed in that way on a cold night, and as the bridge is very narrow, I stopped to let her step off before I stepped on. She turned toward me, but I could not see her face. I advanced to the bridge to pass her, but when I put my foot on it the woman had disappeared. My first thought was that she had jumped into the lock, and I looked carefully all through it, but she wasn't there. I tried the lock shanty and found that it was closed up tight. By that time I began to feel that I had seen a ghost, and I was so frightened that I could scarcely get to the store."

Gillett is a reputable and respected citizen of Barryville. Since his declaration that he has seen a ghost, other persons report having seen it also. Mrs. Watson, who lives on the barge canal of the canal, says she has seen the apparition, just as it was described by Mr. Gillett, at three different times. Every time the ghostly figure stood close to the edge of the canal, and once raised its arms, and then pointed down into the canal. It always disappeared suddenly, as if fading away. A report comes from Brodhead's mill-pond that a similar apparition has been seen hovering about the borders of the pond, and that it once fitted across the road in front of a teamster between Barryville and Brodhead's.

The non-believers in ghosts in the vicinity have failed to satisfactorily explain to the superstitious the appearance of this mysterious visitor, and it is the opinion of those who believe in its ghostly character that its appearance conveys a warning of some evil or misfortune that is to befall the neighborhood.

A Senator Who Was Childlike and Blameless.